

THREE MEN KILLED

Terrible Fate of Railway Employees in West Virginia.

They Are Literally Torn to Pieces by the Explosion of Fifty Pounds of Dynamite.

STORY OF THE HORROR.
WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 19.—A terrible explosion of dynamite took place at Hendricks, a station on the West Virginia Central railroad, at 11 o'clock Monday morning, by which three men were torn into fragments and their arms, legs and heads thrown long distances. They were J. H. Houston, Giovanni Paoletta and Charles Swartz.

The men were in the employ of the railroad and were transporting fifty pounds of dynamite when the explosion took place. Houston, who lived at Beverly, Randolph county, was dismembered, and his legs and arms blown off and the trunk thrown 60 or 70 yards. The head of Paoletta, the Italian, who lived at Parsons, was blown from the body against some rocks, while the body itself fell 50 yards away. Swartz was thrown about 40 yards, while his legs were torn off, one alighting on the opposite side of the river. An immense hole was torn in the earth.

DEATH ENDS MRS. WELLS' TEST.

The Coroner Will Examine Into the Case of the Religious Fanatic.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Mansfield Wells died Monday from starvation. She was a follower of Mrs. Williams, the wife of the attorney general of the United States under President Grant, who is the leader of a religious sect. Three months ago Mrs. Wells made a "trip through the wilderness," which consists of forty days' fast on bread and claret, and, according to Mrs. Williams, is necessary for "purification of the body." She came out of the "wilderness" greatly emaciated, but, notwithstanding this fact, started in on her second trip, this time on bread and water, thirty-five days ago. Sunday she was compelled to give up, having wasted to a mere skeleton. Last night she collapsed and today the coroner is investigating her death.

Dying Thief Confesses.

SHERMAN, Tex., Dec. 19.—Marshall Everhart fatally shot a burglar named Gus Carroll while in the act of robbing a store. Before he died Carroll confessed to a \$1,500 robbery in Springfield, Mo., and robberies of watches and diamonds in Hot Springs, Ark., and Pittsburgh, Kan. Some of this plunder was found on him. Carroll was from Kansas City.

Train Robbers Sent Up.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 19.—Dick Wallace, Linn Dalton, Lewis Shelton and Bill Brunson, alias Broncho Bill, the four men who held up and robbed the International & Great Northern train near Dural, this state, December 11, were arraigned and tried before Judge Morris in the district court of Travis county. Each was found guilty and sentenced to thirty-five years in the penitentiary.

California Bankers Arrested.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Dec. 19.—P. James, late president of the defunct Anaheim bank, has been arrested on two indictments for embezzlement of the funds of the bank and perjury. Cashier H. V. Horst has been arrested on indictments for perjury. In both cases the perjury charged was committed in sworn statements made to bank commissioners. Bail was given.

His Liabilities Large.

DEN MOINES, Ia., Dec. 19.—Assignee Wilmer has filed a schedule of the liabilities and assets of J. C. Savory and the American Emigrant company of New York, recently failed. The liabilities foot up to over \$400,000 and the assets are about \$200,000, not counting a large amount of stocks rated as nominal merely, whose value cannot be determined.

Business Blocks Burn.

PRINCETON, Mo., Dec. 19.—Fire broke out in the basement of Arlucci's opera house at this place and consumed four of the best business houses in the city. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. The loss aggregates \$50,000, nearly all covered by insurance.

Little Girls Enticed Away.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 19.—More than sixty girls, of from 14 to 18 years of age, have disappeared from Lynn within three or four weeks. None of them has been heard from. The police have begun a thorough investigation of the cases. They believe that the girls have been enticed away and are now hidden in Boston.

Big Wyoming Coal Mine on Fire.

EVANSTON, Wyo., Dec. 19.—The Union Pacific Coal company sustained a loss of \$750,000 in the destruction of mine No. 7 at Almy, 7 miles north of here, and 400 miners are thrown out of employment. The fire started Saturday from spontaneous combustion and all efforts to extinguish it have been unavailing.

Flooding Still Burned.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 19.—The large flouring mill owned by Harris Bros., 6 miles from Fayetteville, Tenn., has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, about \$2,000. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

Amendment to Italy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The president has sent to the senate the nomination of Wayne MacVough, of Pennsylvania, to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Italy.

A Fatal Fall.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 19.—John L. Smith, an inmate of the insane asylum, fell from a second story window and was instantly killed.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

Edwin Peiferburg, a brakeman, was killed by the cars at Havana, Ill. L. Pickert & Co., fish dealers, Boston, Mass., have failed. Liabilities, \$175,000.

Utah's liberal party, the last vestige of the anti-Mormon organization, has disbanded.

As the result of the withdrawal of a Oshkosh concern the trunk trust has collapsed.

In the senate Senator Hambridge pleaded for \$1,000,000 to exterminate the Russian thistle.

Exports exceeded imports during November by \$40,851,033, according to the bureau of statistics.

Joe Kangley drank four cups of bad whisky at Gifford, Ia., and died of congestion of the brain.

Oxford university crew may visit America next year to row the winner of the Yale-Harvard race.

The schooner Grace, of Alberton, Prince Edward's Island, went down off St. Pierre with all hands.

Ezra Cooper, a banker of national repute, died at Erie, Pa. He leaves an estate valued at \$3,000,000.

A Vienna paper is authority for the statement that Mgr. Satolli has been made archbishop of Bologna.

Anti-tax agitation was revived at Monreale, Sicily. Troops fired on rioters and thirty were wounded.

Dividends have been declared by the receivers of nine national banks that failed during the recent panic.

Col. Daniel D. Johnson died at Long Reach, W. Va. He was a prominent democratic candidate for governor.

Gen. Datus E. Coon, who was accidentally shot by a friend, died at San Diego, Cal. He was a gallant soldier.

Alexander B. Lowe, a juror in the Meyer trial at New York, suddenly went insane. A new trial may be ordered.

Out of work and despondent, Henry Weber, a New York tailor, hanged himself in sight of his three motherless children.

WENT MAD ON A STEAMER.

Insanity Results in the Death of Consul General Jones.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The remains of Alfred D. Jones, American consul general at Shanghai, were brought in Sunday by the steamer Rio Janeiro. Jones became insane in Shanghai and it was determined to remove him to America. Soon after the steamer sailed he became violent and dangerous. He was manacled after a desperate fight in his cabin, in which he was cut and disfigured. He raved incessantly for seven days, when death ended his sufferings. Jones' mania was due to disappointment in a love affair at his home in Raleigh, N. C. He was attended by two marines from the Monocacy. His body was embalmed and shipped to Raleigh. His age was 48.

Sales at the Dead Letter Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The annual auction sale of articles accumulated in the dead letter office during the two years has commenced. There are more than 7,000 packages of articles of dead mail matter to be sold.

THE MARKETS.

Grain, Provisions, Etc.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—FLOUR—Dull; demand limited from all sources. Prices easy. Winter-Patent, \$2.30; straight, \$2.20; clear, \$2.10; second, \$1.90; low grades, \$1.80; spring-Patent, \$2.30; straight, \$2.20; clear, \$2.10; second, \$1.90; low grades, \$1.80; winter-Patent, \$2.30; straight, \$2.20; clear, \$2.10; second, \$1.90; low grades, \$1.80.

WHEAT—Moderately active and lower. 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